

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1 and 3-27 are pending in this application.

Claims 1 and 3-27 are rejected.

Claims 1 and 18 have been amended. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims, and drawings, as originally filed.

Rejection of Claims 1 and 3-27 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1 and 3-27 of the present application were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The office action indicated the phrase "a height that is less than or equal to said LED" rendered an indefinite and unsupported structure as defined by the specification. The Office Action mentioned that the reflection part, would have a height that is less than or equal to said light-conducting element, and not less than or equal to said LED. In accordance with the examiner's suggestion, Applicants amended claim 1 to clarify this element. As a result, Applicants respectfully submit that the 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 18-20 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 18-20 of the present application were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The office action indicated the limitation "light emitted from an LED in front of said light-directing element passes through said light-directing element between the two or more reflection surfaces and contacts said

annular reflector" is not supported by Figure 5. The examiner stated the phrase "contacts said annular reflector" should be deleted or amended to render a clear interpretation. Consistent with the examiner's suggestion, Applicants deleted the phrase and believe the limitation in claim 18 is now consistent with Figure 5. As a result, Applicants respectfully submit that the 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph rejection of claim 18 be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

The examiner stated that claims 1, 18, and all subsequent dependent claims would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants amended claims 1 and 18 in accordance with the examiner's suggestions and respectfully submit claims 1 and 3-27 are now in condition for allowance

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the above amendments and remarks the claims 1 and 3-27, as presented, comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Therefore, Applicants submit that the pending claims are properly allowable, which allowance is respectfully requested.


The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney at (248) 364-4300 if any unresolved matters remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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